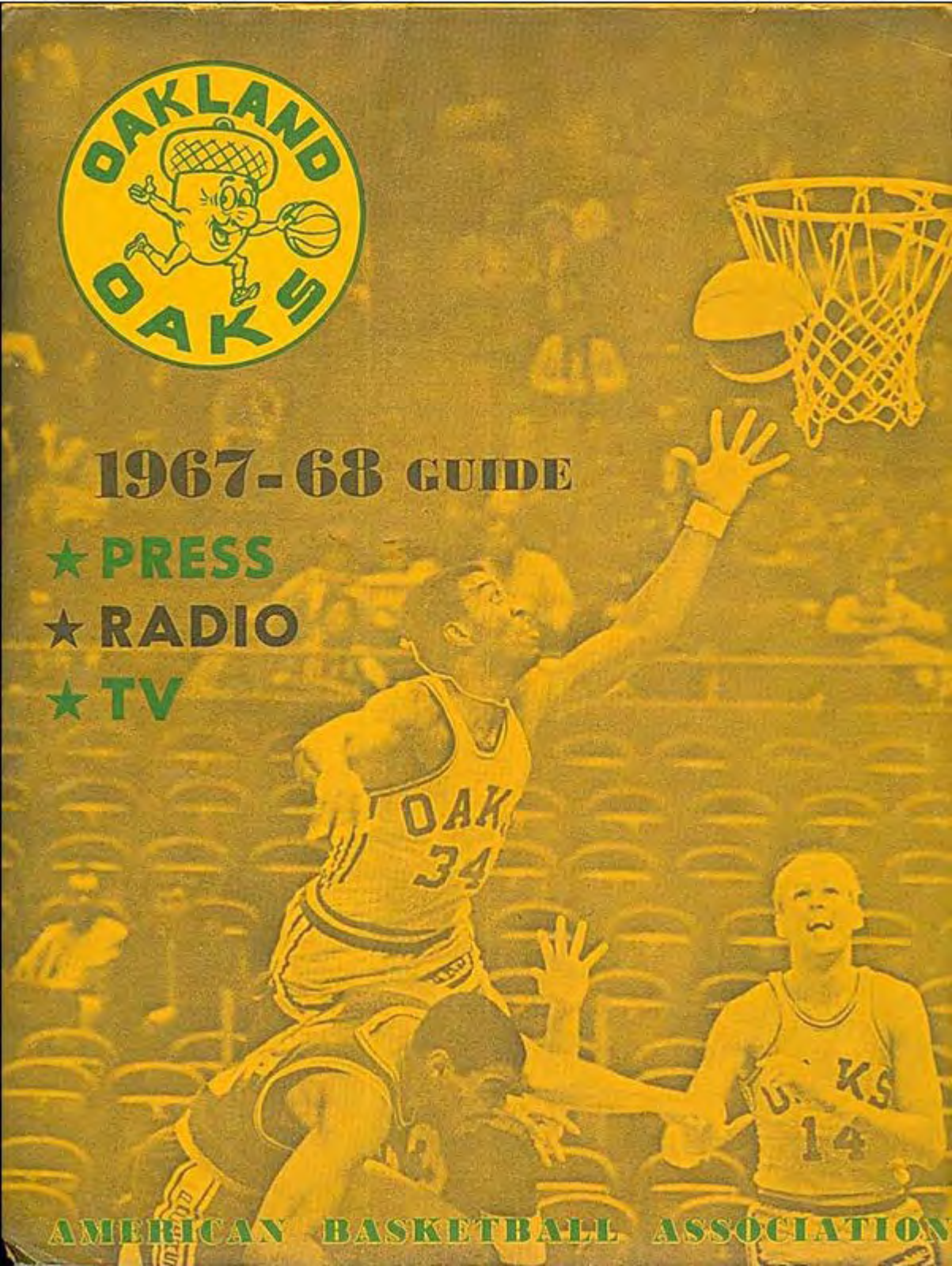

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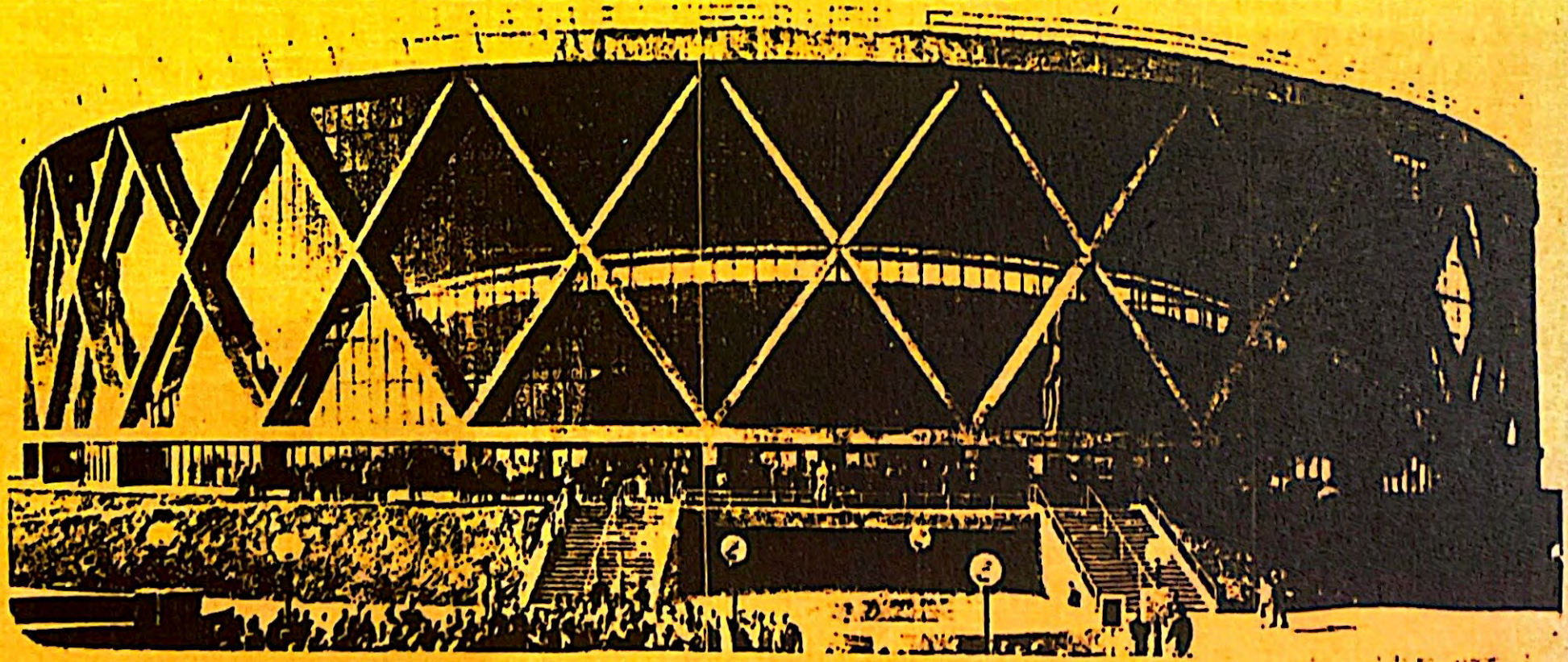

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It is a pleasure to welcome the Oakland Oaks to the ranks of California's outstanding athletic teams.

Your presence in Oakland is another indication that this city is fast becoming a focal point for California sports activities.

On behalf of the people of California, I extend best wishes to the Oakland Oaks for great success during the 1967-68 American Basketball Association season.

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GREETINGS!

The excitement of pro basketball is a welcome addition to major league sports at the Coliseum Complex.

On behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Oakland, I salute the OAKS and congratulate Pat Boone and other owners, as well as Coach and General Manager Bruce Hale, for creating a new competitor on the national scene.

We pledge our support to the OAKS for this first season and we are glad you're here!

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

John H. Reading
MAYOR

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John H. Reading
Mayor of Oakland

OAKLAND OAKS STORY

BY JOHNNY RODRIGUES

Major League professional basketball has arrived in Oakland.

And make no mistake, the American Basketball Association is here to stay. Ditto for the Oakland Oaks.

Coach Bruce Hale and his Oaks are as alive as Pepsi or Coke, as vibrant as an Olympic sprint champion, and as exciting as, well, ABA basketball in Oakland!

The Oaks emerged from the drawing board on January 18, 1967 with the initial announcement that a new professional basketball league was being formed. Oakland was one of 11 cities awarded franchises.

Plenty of progress was being made until a reorganization on the ownership level developed in April and the franchise temporarily ceased to function. However, after Commissioner George Mikan considered the offer of several local groups to maintain the franchise in Oakland, Pat Boone, while fulfilling a singing engagement in Reno, announced that he had purchased 100 percent of the action. That was May 11.

From that point on, the Oakland franchise zoomed into orbit.

On May 18, Bruce Hale of the University of Miami (Fla.), was hired as coach and general manager.

On June 21, Oakland officially adopted its nickname, "Oaks," following a contest to determine the most fitting name. Actually, "Oaks" was the most popular name and a drawing was held to award the grand prize of two season tickets. John Leary, Oakland advertising man, won 'em.

Meanwhile, Coach Hale launched on a player safari, combing the country for the best available talent. And with his wide-flung reputation as a top-notch coach and gentleman, Hale made a runaway of the contract signing derby against the NBA.

The players came from all sections of the country: Al Salvadori from South Carolina, No. 5 pick of the Baltimore Bullets; Wes Bialosuknia from Connecticut, the 3rd choice of the St. Louis Hawks; Andy Anderson from Canisius College of Buffalo, No. 6 of the Boston Celtics, and Ron Franz from Kansas, No. 5 by the Detroit Pistons.

From the Eastern League Hale picked off two gems: Willie Porter from Harrisburg (Pa.) and Tennessee A&I, and Levern Tart from Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) and Bradley.

PAT BOONE
Oaks President

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The ownership structure of the Oaks now consists of three major principals: Pat Boone, president; S. Kenneth Davidson, insurance executive from Los Angeles, vice-president, and Rick Barry.

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PAT BOONE, at age 33, has crammed more excitement and activities into his young life than most people ever hope to.

The handsome, personable Boone is considered one of the finest singers today, popular with young and old alike; he has completed 13 movies, mostly in starring roles; hosts the Pat Boone Show, a daily network TV show; holds a B.S. degree in speech and English, graduating Magna Cum Laude from Columbia University; owns his own production company, Cooga Mooga, Inc.; has traveled around the world entertaining U.S. troops, and has received numerous honors from foreign countries; has authored two books, "Twixt Twelve and Twenty," the top selling non-fiction book in 1959, and "Between You, Me and the Gatepost" with all proceeds going to charities, and has more than a hundred hit recordings to his credit.

In addition, he's quite a basketball player. In fact, he has a team in the Hollywood Studio League, the Cooga Moogas that includes Bill Cosby, Rafer Johnson, Gardner McKay, Don Murray and Denny "Tarzan" Miller.

Pat and his wife Shirley, daughter of Western recording star Red Foley, reside in Beverly Hills with their four lovely daughters: Cherry 12, Lindy 11, Debby 10, and Laury 8.

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S. KENNETH DAVIDSON, besides being an avid basketball fan, lends an acute insight into the club's business aspect as a life insurance executive and property owner and developer.

Displaying a quiet, friendly exterior, Davidson is motivated by an insatiable desire to succeed in whatever venture he undertakes. Born in Hannibal, Ohio, Davidson, 44, now directs a highly successful Life Insurance firm, S. Kenneth Davidson and Company.

A graduate of Pepperdine College in Los Angeles, where he majored in business administration, Davidson is a Deacon of the Vermont Avenue Church of Christ. He was honored in 1958 as Pepperdine's Alumni of the Year, and is a former member of that school's Board of Trustees.

Davidson and his wife Margaret reside in Inglewood, Calif. with their three boys, Donald, Daniel and Douglas.

S. KENNETH DAVIDSON
Chairman of the Board

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BRUCE HALE

Coach and General Manager

Hale the Oaks' Coach!

A master tactician on the court, affable and a gentleman off the court.

That would describe Bruce Hale, Oakland's dynamic coach and general manager. Before being hired by Owner Pat Boone, Hale served 13 glorious years at the University of Miami (Fla.) where his Hurricanes blazed 12 straight winning seasons.

His teams from 1954 to 1967 won a total of 220 games, lost 112.

From 1963-65, when a young sharpshooter named Rick Barry crashed the headlines, Miami enjoyed further national prominence with an envious 65-16 record.

When Hale signed with Oakland, it was something of a homecoming.

A native of San Francisco, Hale graduated from Galileo High where he was All-City, then went on to star at Santa Clara. In three seasons with the Broncos (1939-41), Hale was a regular and the team's top scorer and leader.

During the Hale regime, Santa Clara enjoyed prosperous campaigns, posting a total 47-15 record. In Hale's senior year ('41), when he was the leading scorer and team captain, the Broncos roared to a 17-3 record, which still is the school's best won-lost mark.

In 1963 Hale was inducted into Santa Clara's Hall of Fame.

After his graduation, Hale served four years in the Army Air Force. Before his discharge in 1945, Hale played at Moffett Field (Calif.) and Miami Beach (Fla.) and coached Wright Air Field (Dayton, O.) to a service title. He was also selected to the All-World Pro team in 1945.

Following his discharge, Hale put in 10 seasons in the NBA, mostly as a player, partly as a coach.

Hale is married to the former Doris Ravizza, his high school sweetheart. They have three children, Pam, married to pro basketball's Super Star Rick Barry; Alan, 16, and Bruce, Jr., 23. The Hales now reside in Oakland.

ANDREW EMIL (ANDY) ANDERSON/Guard - No. 14

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Ht. 6-2, Wt. 184, Age 22

BORN:	February 6, 1945 Buffalo, New York
HOMETOWN:	Cheektowaga, New York
SCHOOL:	Canisius College ('67) Buffalo, New York
COLLEGE COACH:	Bob MacKinnon
EXPERIENCE:	Rookie

THE HUSTLER PUTS ZIP INTO THE OAKS

A tremendous hustler, scorer and defender, he gives 100 per cent in every game. Outstanding long-range or medium shooter, one of Oaks' top three-point threats. Drafted No. 6 by Boston Celtics. Led Canisius' Golden Griffins in scoring (535) and rebounds (217) last season, elected team captain. A starter all three seasons, racked up career total of 1,173 points (17.0) and 425 rebounds. Holds Griffins' single-game scoring record ot 46 points, set February 22, 1967 against LaSalle to break Oscar Robertson's Palestra Auditorium (Philly) record by one point. Played two years at forward, most of senior season at guard. Shot 83 per cent (129 of 157) from the free throw line in '67. A prep star at Maryvale High in Cheektowaga (N. Y.), he was All-Western Conference in football as a quarterback, in baseball as an infielder, as well as in basketball. Majored in German at Canisius. Married his high school sweetheart, Judy, last June 5. They now reside in Alameda.

ANDY ANDERSON AT CANISIUS

YEAR	G	FGA-FGM	FTA-FTM	REB	PTS	AVERAGE
1964-65	22	287-120	81- 49	79	289	13.1
1965-66	22	318-138	100- 73	129	349	15.9
1966-67	25	472-203	157-129	217	535	21.4
TOTAL	69	1077-461	338-251	425	1173	17.0

WESLEY JOHN (WES) BIALOSUKNIA/Guard - No. 44

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Ht. 6-2, Wt. 185, Age 22

BORN:	June 8, 1945 Poughkeepsie, New York
HOMETOWN:	Poughkeepsie, New York
SCHOOL:	Connecticut ('67) Storrs, Connecticut
COLLEGE COACH:	Fred Shabel
EXPERIENCE:	Rookie

TOUGH TO PRONOUNCE AND STOP

Tough as his Polish name, young Wes should become one of the most exciting players in the ABA with his great three-point threat from the 25-foot range. In the Oaks' first eight games, he put away six three-pointers, one of the best marks in the league. A No. 3 draft choice of the St. Louis Hawks (Oakland's fourth pick), he was fifth-leading scorer in the NCAA last season with 673 points for a 28.0 average. Holds nearly every UConn record in book: most points in a single season (673), best single season average (28.0), most points in single game (50 versus Maine, 2-4-67), most career points three years (1,673), etc. His 85.9 per cent (159 of 185) free throw percentage last season ranked 11th in the nation. "Mr. B" led the Huskies in scoring all three years in compiling an overall 56-18 record, including 17-7 in '67. All-New England, All-Yankee Conference and loop's All-Academic three straight years. Topped UConn in scoring in 22 of 24 games last season with top marks of 50 and 38 against Maine, 40 and 38 against Rhode Island, 40 against Rutgers, 32 against New Hampshire, and 31 against Virginia. Carried a 3.0 grade average in economics during three years, making the Dean's roll each year. Earned 10 varsity letters in basketball, baseball and soccer (he was a goalie) at Franklin D. Roosevelt High, Hyde Park, New York in three years, graduating in 1963. After last season, he formed Bialosuknia All-Stars and barnstormed New England area with Jimmy Walker's All-Stars, scoring 76 points in one game. Shares apartment in Alameda with teammate Ron Franz.

WES BIALOSUKNIA AT CONNECTICUT

YEAR	G	FGA-FGM	FTA-FTM	REB	PTS	AVERAGE
1964-65	23	457-198	118- 94	72	490	21.3
1965-66	24	488-210	106- 90	97	510	21.3
1966-67	24	540-257	185-159	91	673	28.0
TOTAL	74	1485-665	409-343	260	1673	22.7

GARY LEE BRADDS/Forward-Center - No. 30

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Ht. 6-8, Wt. 215, Age 25

BORN:	July 26, 1942 Jamestown, Ohio
HOMETOWN:	Jamestown, Ohio
SCHOOL:	Ohio State University ('64) Columbus, Ohio
COLLEGE COACH:	Fred Taylor
EXPERIENCE:	1 year NBA, 1 year North American League

BUCKEYE ALL-AMERICAN OWNS HANDSOME CREDENTIALS

After Lucas, Bradds; after Bradds.....Ohio State Coach Fred Taylor compiled a fabulous record since taking over in 1959, recruiting some fantastic talent, such as Jerry Lucas, John Havlicek, Larry Siegfried, Mel Nowell...and Gary Bradds! He joined Taylor's great varsity crew in 1961-62 to back up Lucas. Bradds jumped into the national spotlight the next two seasons, winning All-American honors both years. He led the Buckeyes in scoring and rebounding as a junior (672 points, 28.0, 312 rebounds) and senior (735, 30.6 and 322), and a share of two Big 10 Championships, plus percentage shooting in field goals and free throws. He ranks third on Ohio State's all-time scoring list behind Lucas and Robin Freeman with 1,530 points. Holds Ohio State's single-game scoring record of 49 set against Illinois (2-10-64). During one stretch in January and February of '64, Bradds scored 40 or more points in six consecutive games! After graduation in 1964, Bradds was the No. 1 draft choice of the Baltimore Bullets. After a year spent mostly watching veterans play, Bradds launched his teaching career in his home-town of Jamestown, and continued playing basketball on a part-time basis with the Columbus Comets of the North American League, leading all scorers in '66 with a 27.0 average. Was sitting out this season until the offer came from Oakland. A graduate of Greneville High ('60) where he was All-State. Gary and wife Eileen have two young girls, Melinda 2 1/2, and Lori Lynn 15 months.

GARY BRADDS AT OHIO STATE

	G	FGM-FGA	PCT	FTM-FTA	PCT	REB	PTS	AVG
1961-62	27	50-72	69.4	23-40	57.5	72	123	4.5
1962-63	24	237-453	52.3	198-248	79.8	312	672	28.0
1963-64	24	276-527	52.3	183-231	79.2	322	735	30.6
TOTALS	85	563-1052	53.5	404-519	77.8	706	1530	18.0

(Bradds' Jr/Sr year totals: 48 games, 1407 points, 29.3 average)

RONALD STEPHEN (RON) FRANZ/Forward - No. 11

Ht. 6-7, Wt. 207, Age 22

BORN:	October 20, 1945 Kansas City, Kansas
HOMETOWN:	Kansas City, Kansas
SCHOOL:	Kansas ('67) Lawrence, Kansas
COLLEGE COACH:	Ted Owens
EXPERIENCE:	Rookie

THE KID FROM K C HAS TOUCH, MUSCLES

Drafted 5th by the Detroit Pistons, No. 10 by Oakland, Franz is a strong board man and outside shooter. He was Jayhawks' leading rebounder last season with 185, and third in scoring with 334 points, 12.4 average. He now ranks 15th on KU's all-time scoring list with 737 points. Hauled in total of 472 rebounds in three years. Best '67 efforts were 22 points against Oklahoma, and 15 rebounds against Florida State. Very quick for a big man, positions himself well for good shots. A high school All-American at Kansas City's Bishop Ward High ('63), he was a subject of Sports Illustrated about the pressures encountered in college recruiting. Was team captain both in high school and college. Was very active in other college activities, such as Young Republicans, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and a member of the KU Relays Committee. A major in business administration and a bachelor still, he shares an apartment in Alameda with Wes Bialosuknia.

RON FRANZ AT KANSAS

YEAR	G	FGA-FGM	FTA-FTM	REB	PTS	AVERAGE
1964-65	25	148- 53	54- 37	112	143	5.7
1965-66	27	258-105	73- 50	175	260	9.6
1966-67	27	329-133	102- 68	185	334	12.4
TOTAL	79	735-291	229-155	472	737	9.3

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No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	School
30	GARY BRADDS	6-8	215	OHIO STATE '6
11	RON FRANZ	6-7	207	Kansas
32	DAVE LEE	6-7	225	U. S. F. '64
15	AL SALVADORI	6-9½	220	South Carolin
31	STEVE JONES	6-5	205	Oregon
33	WILLIE PORTER	6-7	205	Tennessee A&

C E N

42	MIKE DABICH	7-0	255	New Mexico S
55	JIM HADNOT	6-10	237	Providence C

G U A

14	ANDY ANDERSON	6-2	184	Canisius Coll
34	LEVERN TART	6-3	196	Bradley
40	MEL PETERSON	6-4½	190	Wheaton Colle
44	WES BIALOSUKNIA	6-2	185	Connecticut

Pronunciation Guide:

Bialosuknia, "Bala-SOO
Salvadori, "Salva-DOOR
Dabich, "DAB-itch"

OAKS ROSTER §§§ 1967-68

V A R D S

	Born	Birthplace	Hometown
t	7/26/42	Jamestown, Ohio	Jamestown, Ohio
	10-20-45	Kansas City, Kan.	Kansas City, Kan.
	3/31/42		Modesto, Calif.
a	5- 6-45	Wheeling, W. Va.	Beech Bottom, W. Va.
	10-17-42	Alexandria, La.	Portland, Ore.
I	7- 3-42	Winston Salem, N. C.	Winston Salem, N. C.

T E R S

tate	12-27-42	Lander, Wy.	Lander, Wy.
ollege	1- 5-40	Jasper, Tex.	Oakland, Calif.

R D S

ege	2- 6-45	Buffalo, N. Y.	Cheektowaga, N. Y.
	6- 1-42	Marion, S. C.	West Palm Beach
	3-23-38	Thief River, Minn.	Wallace, Mich.
	6- 8-45	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

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JAMES WELDON (JIM) HADNOT/Center - No. 55

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Ht. 6-10, Wt. 237, Age 27

BORN: January 15, 1940
Jasper, Texas

HOMETOWN: Oakland, California

SCHOOL: Providence ('62)
Providence, Rhode Island

COLLEGE COACH: Joe Mullaney

EXPERIENCE: 1 year Eastern League, 1 year ABL

THE RETURN OF JUMBO JIM

Hadnot has battled his way through much adversity to earn the starting center position with the Oaks. After graduating from Providence College in 1962 with All-American and All-Eastern honors, he was drafted by the Boston Celtics on the recommendation of fellow-Oaklander Bill Russell. Hadnot played through the Celts' 12 exhibition games but was released prior to the NBA opener. He joined the Oakland Oaks of the old ABL and was a starter until the loop went under. That was followed by a year (1963-64) with Trenton (N.J.) of the Eastern League, enjoying a resounding season by leading the team in rebounds, fourth in scoring, and was voted MVP in the All-Star game. However, he dropped out of competition after that, except for city league action in the East Bay, until Oakland became one of the franchise cities in the new ABA. At Providence he led the Friars in scoring and rebounding all three years, totaling 1,467 points, 1,299 rebounds (15.5 per game), making him school's all-time leader in rebounds, third in scoring. Top efforts: 43 points against Gonzaga ('60) and 35 rebounds against Niagra ('61). Led Friars to three straight NITs, winning it in 1962. Selected All-NIT three years; All-Northern California at Oakland's McClymonds High ('58) where he led Warriors to Tournament of Champions title under Coach Paul Harless. Resides in Berkeley with wife Norma, daughter Julie. Owns Hadnot's Liquors in Berkeley.

JIM HADNOT AT PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

YEAR	G	FGA-FGM	FTA-FTM	REB	PTS	AVERAGE
1959-60	29	170-334	89-154	473	429	14.8
1960-61	29	214-430	133-220	475	561	19.3
1961-62	26	198-357	81-122	351	477	18.3
TOTAL	84	581-121	303-496	1299	1467	17.5

STEPHEN HOWARD (STEVE)JONES/Forward - No. 31

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Ht. 6-5, Wt. 205, Age 25

BORN:	October 17, 1942 Alexandria, Louisiana
HOMETOWN:	Portland, Oregon
SCHOOL:	Oregon ('64) Eugene, Oregon
COLLEGE COACH:	Steve Belko
EXPERIENCE:	3 years AAU

DANDY DUCK DOES IT ALL

Speed and accuracy, tenacious defender makes this ex-Duck a valuable asset, despite his lack of greater height. Has developed into Oaks' reliable defense specialist. Was Oregon's top scorer in senior year ('64) with 422 points, 16.2. Tallied 943 points (12.1) during three-year career, plus 567 rebounds. Snared 253 rebounds in '64, nearly 10 per game. In addition, he usually was assigned opponents' top scorer. Was an All-City star at Portland's Franklin High ('60). During the last three years, he has been performing with the Jamaco Saints of Chicago and the San Francisco A.C. in the AAU. Still a bachelor, he resides in Berkeley.

STEVE JONES AT OREGON

YEAR	G	FGA-FGM	FTA-FTM	REB	PTS	AVERAGE
1961-62	26	143- 50	67- 45	104	145	5.6
1962-63	26	338-142	119- 92	210	376	14.5
1963-64	26	386-158	134-106	253	422	16.2
TOTAL	78	867-350	320-243	567	943	12.1

MELVIN LOWELL (MEL) PETERSON/Guard - No. 40

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Ht. 6-4 1/2, Wt. 190, Age 29

BORN: March 23, 1938
Thief River Falls, Minnesota

HOMETOWN: Wallace, Michigan

SCHOOL: Wheaton College ('60)
Wheaton, Illinois

COLLEGE COACH: Lee Pfund

EXPERIENCE: 1 year NBA

WHEATON WONDER PLAYS FIREMAN

Valuable No. 6 man who comes in and puts away quick buckets in crucial moments. Mel has this ability and does it well. Once played with the Baltimore Bullets ('64) but an illness forced him to cut short the season. Oldest player on the squad, but comps about like a young colt. Has great soft touch, effective up to 25 feet. Holds nearly every scoring record at Wheaton, including most points in single season (677 in 1958 as soph), best single-season average (24.1 in 1959 as junior), most three-year career rebounds (1,313), most career points for three years (1,951) and best career average (23.5 for three years). Led Crusaders in scoring and rebounding for four years (freshman eligible), graduating in 1960. AP and UPI Little All-American for three years, team MVP for four years, and elected team captain as senior. Was an All-American prep and All-Stater at Stephenson High ('56), Michigan, where he averaged 36.0 points per game. State's leading scorer, led Stephenson to State Class B Championship, scoring winning bucket in sudden death overtime (73-71). Served two years in Army, made U. S. Pan-American Games team in 1963. After stint with Bullets, settled down to teach and coach, mostly at Simi High in Southern California. Kept active by playing in tough Southern Cal Industrial League with Simi Valley All-Stars, averaging close to 40 points per game. Worked as a counselor with Job Corps at Camp Luna, Las Vegas, New Mexico last year. Wife Joan and two boys, Cary 5, Craig 2, reside in San Rafael.

MEL PETERSON AT WHEATON

YEAR	G	FGA-FGM	FTA-FTM	REB	PTS	AVERAGE
1957-58	30	480-233	146-115	429	677	22.6
1958-59	27	502-260	168-130	427	650	24.1
1959-60	26	534-257	142-110	457	624	24.0
TOTAL	83	1556-798	456-355	1313	1951	23.5

WILLIE PORTER/Forward - No. 33

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Ht. 6-7, Wt. 205, Age 25

BORN: July 3, 1942
Winston Salem, North Carolina

HOMETOWN: Winston Salem, North Carolina

SCHOOL: Tennessee A & I State ('64)
Nashville, Tennessee

COLLEGE COACH: Harold Hunter

EXPERIENCE: 3 years Eastern League

WILLIE THE BUTTERFLY DAZZLES 'EM

A dazzling performer with extraordinary contortion-like moves, he slips inside for difficult shots. Yet, he makes an unusually high percentage of them. A great crowd pleaser, he is a consistent scorer and rebounder. Led the Tennessee A&I Tigers in scoring in his senior year ('64) with 738 points for a 21.1 average, and in rebounding with 460, or 13 per game. Top efforts: 37 points versus Southern University in 1964, and 21 rebounds versus Kentucky State in '62. Rolled up 1,182 points in three years. Named MVP in two tournaments as senior and selected to All-Midwestern Conference team. A No. 5 draft choice of the Cincinnati Royals in 1964. After leading all rookies in scoring during tryout camp, decided to finish up academic work, and also decided to get more seasoning in the Eastern League. Played with Harrisburgh (Pa.) last two seasons, leading the Patriots in scoring last season with 816 points for a 30.2 average, and in rebounds with 445, or 16 per game. Finished third in EBL scoring, fourth in rebounds. Patroits' runnerup scorer in '66 with 685 points, a 25.4 average, and 5th in league. Also runnerup in rebounds with 439, 5th in league. Still holds Eastern League rebound record for single game with 36, a sensational night against New Haven on January 22, 1966. Was an All-State prep at Atkins High in Winston Salem in '59 and a teammate of Happy Harriston, now of the Royals. Atkins won State title that year.

WILLIE PORTER AT TENNESSEE A & I

YEAR	G	FGA-FGM	FTA-FTM	REB	PTS	AVERAGE
1961-62	25	197- 97	116- 62	235	265	10.6
1962-63	27	165- 69	67- 41	151	179	6.6
1963-64	35	580-292	257-154	460	738	21.1
TOTAL	87	942-456	440-256	846	1182	13.6

ALBERT JULIAN (AL) SALVADORI/Forward - No. 16

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Ht. 6-9 1/2, Wt. 220, Age 22

BORN:	May 6, 1945 Wheeling, West Virginia
HOMETOWN:	Beech Bottom, West Virginia
SCHOOL:	South Carolina ('67) Columbia, South Carolina
COLLEGE COACH:	Frank McGuire
EXPERIENCE:	Rookie

BEECH BOTTOM'S BEST BOASTS TOOLS

Owns a fine, soft touch. Could develop into a 3-point threat from the corner. Can hook with either hand and has tremendous coordination for a big man. Must develop more aggressiveness and improve on defense. Was a marketing major at USC (University of South Carolina, that is) where he enjoyed his best season as a junior (1965-66) with 332 points for a 13.8 average. Despite not playing full time last season, he clicked for 189 points, an 8.6 average. But when he started in the post-season Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament, he erupted for 22 points each against Maryland (SC won, 57-54) and Duke (SC lost, 69-66). High games during career were 31 and 26 against Virginia, both in 1966, and 25 each against Wake Forest and North Carolina, also both in '66. Shot 44 per cent from floor last season. Led Wheeling Central High to unbeaten season in '63 and State Catholic Championship. Was Baltimore's No. 4 draft choice, Oakland's No. 5. He and wife Jo Anne reside in Berkeley with son Albert Christopher, born last May 30.

AL SALVADORI AT SOUTH CAROLINA

YEAR	G	FGA-FGM	FTA-FTM	REB	PTS	AVERAGE
1964-65	23	257-107	55- 38	177	252	11.0
1965-66	24	321-145	65- 42	170	332	13.8
1966-67	22	187- 83	32- 23	88	189	8.6
TOTAL	69	765-335	152-103	435	773	11.2

LEVERN DONIHUE TART/Guard - No. 34

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Ht. 6-3, Wt. 196, Age 25

BORN:	June 1, 1942 Marion, South Carolina
HOMETOWN:	West Palm Beach, Florida
SCHOOL:	Bradley ('64) Peoria, Illinois
COLLEGE COACH:	Charles Orsborn
EXPERIENCE:	3 years Eastern League

COLOR HIM EXCITING, SENSATIONAL!

They call him "Jelly", but ABA opponents have less complimentary names. Bolted to a great start in league play by leading the league in scoring after the first month. Is very strong, quick and aggressive with great ball and body control. Can spin in midair and shoot with either hand. Can drive from either side. Graduated from Bradley in '64, the year of the NIT Championship for Braves. Tart was voted MVP and All-Tournament. Led the Braves in scoring as a senior with 525 points (17.5), runnerup in rebounds with 261. Voted MVP and team captain by teammates. Top scoring efforts: 26 points each against South Carolina ('63) and North Texas State ('64). Drafted No. 5 by Boston Celtics, was their final cut. Has been starring in Eastern Professional League the last three years with Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) Barons. Has been their top scorer all three years and led Barons to championship in 1966. Scored 660 points (23.6) both in '65 and '66, and 759 points (29.2) last season. Collected 235 rebounds in 1966 and 189 last year. Made league All-Star team all three years. Was recreation director of Keystone Job Corps Center, Drum, Pennsylvania last year. Single, he majored in biology and P.E. Resides in Berkeley.

LEVERN TART AT BRADLEY

YEAR	G	FGA-FGM	FTA-FTM	REB	PTS	AVERAGE
1961-62	27	124-273	83-114	214	331	12.2
1962-63	17	82-175	55- 76	160	219	12.8
1963-64	30	186-366	153-189	261	525	17.5
TOTAL	74	392-814	291-379	635	1075	14.5

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601 Melrose Building
Houston, Texas 77002
(713) 222-6659

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Publicity..... Bill Marvel
Colors ..... Blue/Gold
638 East 88th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46205
(317) 923-3636

KENTUCKY COLONELS

Gen. Mgr. ..... William Motsch
Coach ..... Johnny Givens
Publicity..... Charlie Mastin
Colors..... Chartreuse/White
Convention Center, 525 W. Walnut
Louisville, Kentucky 40202
(502), 582-2083

MINNESOTA MUSKIES

Gen. Mgr. ..... Eddie Holman
Coach..... Jim Pollard
Publicity..... Bob Fowler
Colors..... Blue/Gold/White
915 F & M Bank Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402
(612) 333-1445

NEW ORLEANS BUCCANEERS

Gen. Mgr. & Coach Babe McCarthy
Publicity..... Robert Fulton
Colors..... Navy Blue/White
201 South Liberty Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70112
(504) 523-6641

NEW JERSEY AMERICANS

Gen. Mgr. ..... Mark Binstein
Coach..... Max Zaslofsky
Publicity..... Barney Kremenko
Colors..... Red/White/Blue
Teaneck Armory
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(201) 837-7051

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Gen. Mgr..... Gabe Rubin
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Publicity..... Charles(Brute)Kramer
Colors..... Blue/Orange/White
Carlton House, Suite 218
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(412) 391-4155

§ OAKLAND OAKS SCHEDULE FOR 1967-68 §

OCTOBER 1967				SCORE
DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	OAKS-OPP
Friday	13	ANAHEIM	Oakland Coliseum	134-129 W
Thursday	19	DENVER	Oakland Auditorium	91-104 L
Friday	20	DENVER	San Jose Auditorium	112-102 W
Thursday	26	INDIANA	Oakland Coliseum	118-114 W
Friday	27	INDIANA	San Jose Auditorium	105-119 L
Sunday	29	Anaheim	Anaheim Convention Center	123-120 W
Tuesday	31	Anaheim	Anaheim Convention Center	123-126 L
NOVEMBER 1967				
Thursday	2	PITTSBURGH	Oakland Coliseum	107-111 L
Monday	6	New Orleans	Loyola Field House	125-136 L
Tuesday	7	Dallas	Dallas Memorial Auditorium	112-118 L
Wednesday	8	Denver	Denver Coliseum	97-118 L
Thursday	9	HOUSTON	Oakland Coliseum	99- 98 W
Sunday	12	Minnesota	Metropolitan Sports Center	104-108 L
Tuesday	14	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh Civic Arena	98-128 L
Wednesday	15	Indiana	State Fairgrounds	110-119 L
Thursday	16	Kentucky	Louisville Convention Center	104- 93 W
Sunday	19	Anaheim	Anaheim Convention Center	102-100 W
Monday	20	MINNESOTA	Oakland Auditorium	_____
Thursday	23	ANAHEIM	Oakland Auditorium	_____
Friday	24	Denver	Denver Coliseum	_____
Tuesday	28	Denver	Denver Arena	_____
Wednesday	29	Houston	Sam Houston Coliseum	_____
Thursday	30	New Orleans	Memphis Mid-South Coliseum	_____
DECEMBER 1967				
Thursday	7	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh Civic Arena	_____
Monday	11	NEW JERSEY	Oakland Coliseum	_____
Wednesday	13	New Orleans	Memphis Mid-South Coliseum	_____
Thursday	14	Dallas	Dallas Memorial Auditorium	_____
Friday	15	New Jersey	Teaneck Armory	_____
Sunday	17	NEW ORLEANS	Sacramento (American River Junior College)	_____
Tuesday	19	INDIANA	Richmond Auditorium	_____
Thursday	21	DENVER	Oakland Coliseum	_____
Saturday	23	Anaheim	Honolulu	_____
Monday	25	Kentucky	Louisville Convention Center	_____
Tuesday	26	Denver	Denver Arena	_____
Saturday	30	NEW JERSEY	Oakland Auditorium	_____

TIMES: All Oaks home games, 8:15 p. m. (Sunday games, 7:00 p. m.)
Preliminaries, 6:30 p. m. (Sundays, 5:00 p. m.)
KPAT broadcasts of home games, 8:05 p. m. (Sundays, 6:50 p. m.)

NOTE: Nine Oaks home games will be played outside of Oakland, but are still considered "home" games. Two games will be played in San Jose, Richmond, Fresno, Portland, and one in Sacramento.

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DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	SCORE OAKS-OPP
JANUARY 1968				
Tuesday	2	ANAHEIM	Richmond Auditorium	
Friday	5	NEW ORLEANS	Fresno Convention Center	
Monday	8	NEW JERSEY	Portland (Ore.) Coliseum	
Thursday	11	KENTUCKY	Oakland Coliseum	
Saturday	13	New Jersey	Teaneck Armory	
Sunday	14	Minnesota	Metropolitan Sports Center	
Tuesday	16	DALLAS	Oakland Coliseum	
Thursday	18	MINNESOTA	Oakland Coliseum	
Tuesday	23	HOUSTON	Oakland Coliseum	
Thursday	25	ANAHEIM	Oakland Auditorium	
Saturday	28	KENTUCKY	Fresno Convention Center	
Tuesday	30	DENVER	Oakland Auditorium	
FEBRUARY 1968				
Thursday	1	NEW ORLEANS	Oakland Coliseum	
Saturday	3	HOUSTON	Oakland Auditorium	
Tuesday	6	DALLAS	Oakland Coliseum	
Wednesday	7	NEW ORLEANS	Portland Memorial Coliseum	
Friday	9	PITTSBURGH	Oakland Coliseum	
Sunday	11	HOUSTON	Oakland Auditorium	
Tuesday	13	Indiana	Indianapolis State Fairgrounds	
Wednesday	14	New Jersey	Teaneck Armory	
Friday	16	KENTUCKY	Oakland Coliseum	
Sunday	18	New Orleans	Memphis Mid-South Coliseum	
Monday	19	Houston	Sam Houston Coliseum	
Tuesday	20	Dallas	Dallas Memorial Auditorium	
Thursday	22	HOUSTON	Oakland Auditorium	
Sunday	25	DALLAS	Oakland Auditorium	
Monday	26	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh Civic Arena	
Wednesday	28	Indiana	Indianapolis State Fairgrounds	
Thursday	29	Minnesota	Metropolitan Sports Center	
MARCH 1968				
Sunday	3	DENVER	Oakland Coliseum	
Monday	4	Houston	Sam Houston Coliseum	
Tuesday	5	Dallas	Dallas Memorial Auditorium	
Thursday	7	PITTSBURGH	Oakland Auditorium	
Friday	8	MINNESOTA	Oakland Auditorium	
Sunday	10	Houston	Sam Houston Coliseum	
Monday	11	Kentucky	Louisville Convention Center	
Tuesday	12	Denver	Denver Arena	
Friday	15	ANAHEIM	Oakland Coliseum	
Sunday	17	DALLAS	Oakland Coliseum	
Tuesday	19	NEW ORLEANS	Oakland Coliseum	
Wednesday	20	Houston	Sam Houston Coliseum	
Thursday	21	Dallas	Dallas Memorial Auditorium	
Friday	22	Anaheim	Anaheim Convention Center	

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FINAL STANDINGS

Oakland Oaks

GENERAL INFORMATION

ABA ALL-STAR GAME

The ABA's first All-Star game is scheduled for January 9, 1968 at the State Fairgrounds Coliseum in Indianapolis, Indiana, home of the Pacers. The Coliseum seats 11,000.

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OAKS' UNIFORMS

Oakland's home uniforms are gold with green numbers and trim. On the road, the Oaks are garbed in green with gold numbers and trim.

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ABA PLAYOFF SYSTEM

At the conclusion of the regular season, the first and second place teams in each division will meet in a best-of-five-game series. The two winners will then meet in a best-of-seven-game series.

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GOODIES FOR THE PRESS

Refreshments are always available to the news media at every Oaks home game, at halftime and after the game. At the Coliseum Arena, a buffet spread is available in the press lounge, located in the north entrance area, directly across from the team dressing rooms. At the Auditorium, refreshments are served at halftime at the table.

9 AWAY 'HOME' GAMES

Because of scheduling difficulties, nine home games will be played in various outlying communities. Two games each are scheduled in San Jose, Richmond, Fresno, Portland and one in Sacramento.

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NOTE TO PRESS, RADIO, TV

All requests for press credentials, photos and other information can be obtained by contacting Johnny Rodrigues, Publicity Director. His home phone: (415) 845-1871.

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ABA "FIRST"

The first field goal in the ABA's opening game is credited to Oakland forward Willie Porter who scored on a follow shot 10:56 remaining in the first quarter of the Oaks-Anaheim inaugural Friday, October 13, 1967 in the Oakland Coliseum Arena. The first free throw was recorded by Oaks' guard Levern Tart 20 seconds into the game, as Oakland had a 3-0 lead before Anaheim was able to score. The second goal was scored by Anaheim's Steve Kramer, a layup with 10:30 to go in the first quarter.

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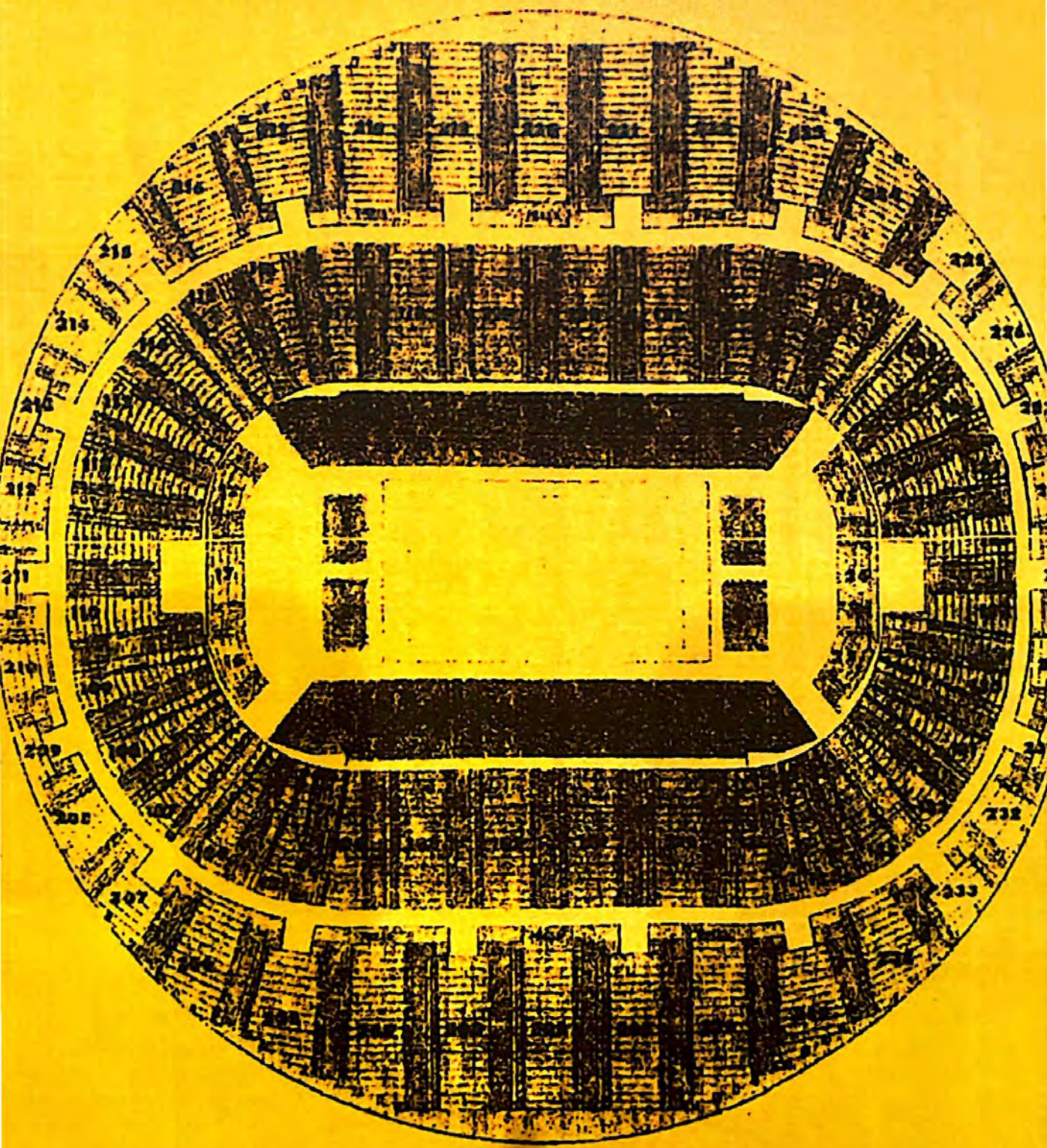
FIRST ROOKIE SIGNEE

The first drafted rookie to sign with Oakland was forward Al Salvadori of South Carolina, June 6, 1967.



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